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RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Labour Organisation (ILO) has recently announced a nine point action plan to protect the rights of migrants workers mostly from Asia including India under the provisions of the International Labour Laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any strategies to ensure that ILO`s Action Plan is implemented in the country in an effective way; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The nine points action plan is as follows:-

(i) To promote `managed migration` for employment purposes, including agreement between host countries and countries of origin addressing different aspect of migration.

(ii) Promoting decent work for migrant workers.

(iii) Licensing and supervision of recruitment and contracting agencies for migrant workers in accordance with ILO conventions and recommendations.

(iv) Preventive abusive practices, migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons, protecting their human rights and preventing and combating irregular labour migration.

(v) Addressing the specific risks for all migrant workers - men and women - in certain occupations and sectors.

(vi) Improving labour inspection and creation of channels for migrant workers to lodge complaints and seek remedy without intimidation.

(vii) Promoting measures to ensure that all migrant workers benefit from the provisions of all relevant international labour standards.

(viii) Introducing measures to ensure that all migrant workers are covered by national labour legislation and applicable social laws.

(ix) Implementing policies to encourage return migration.

(c) & (d): The formulation of Government`s strategies to implement the ILO`s action plan effectively in the country is under process.